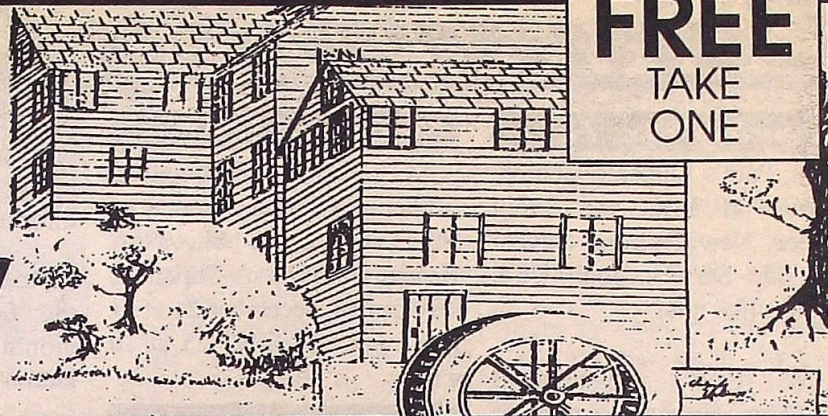


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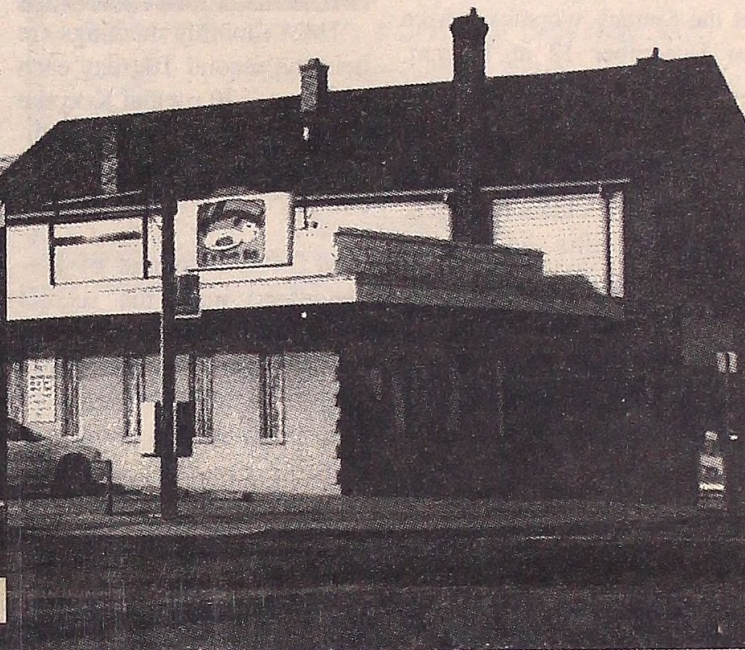
Regardless if you call his place "Jesse's" or "Mary Ann's" the restaurant at the corner in New Boston is an institution. Everybody, at one time or another, has eaten at the restaurant. As a matter of fact, it is likely more millionaires have eaten at "Jesse's" than any other restaurant in Huron Township. Yet the establishment has a small-town look about it with chairs that don't match and tables that simply serve the purpose.

We had an opportunity to sit down with the owner the other day and talk to the man that has owned and operated the business

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Jesse at his famous grill.



The renowned "Mary Ann's" drive-in.

Waltz Tree Lighting

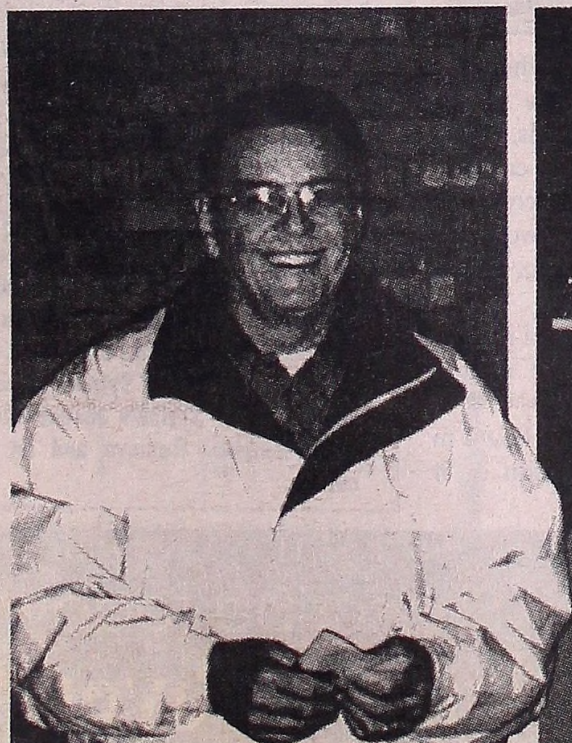
The 1999 Waltz Christmas Tree Lighting Program was held on Sunday, November 28, at 6 p.m.

A welcome was extended by Nora Adkins, Secretary, Waltz Improvement Association and Huron Township Trustee. The prayer was given by Rev. Dr. Dennis Berkesh, St. John's

Lutheran Church.

David Whitehouse, Waltz resident, was honored this year by being chosen the official tree lighter. This has become an extremely honored position.

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Dave Whitehouse, honorary tree lighter.



(L-R) Nora Adkins, Huron Township Trustee, and John Sullivan, County Commissioner.

Community Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 12

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Ellis and Craig Street, New Boston, Advent Worship Service. John 1:6-8 "Tell it like it is!"

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, corner of Ellis and Craig St., New Boston, will present a Christmas Musicales *The Little Camel Boy*, performed by the Choir and children of St. Paul's at the Sunday worship service on December 12 at 10 a.m. Come join Abduhl and his camel Mehitabel.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Ellis and Craig Street, New Boston, Advent Worship Service. Luke 1:39-45 "It's incredible!"

Sunday, Dec. 19

Goodfellows and Toys For Tots distribution.

Christmas Services

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, corner of Ellis and Craig St., New Boston will hold its Christmas services on December 24 at 11 p.m., and December 25 at 10 a.m.

Daily

1999 Historical Society Calendars on sale daily at Reininger Realty.

Monthly Meetings

HAA monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Krzyske Community Center. All monthly meetings are open to the public.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Preschoolers) meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. There is free child care available. Come for rest, sup-

port, crafts, and affirmation. For mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. For information call 783-2651.

Recreation Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Huron Athletic Boosters meet the first Tuesday of each month. Call 654-3781 for info.

Third Thursday of the month September through May, Huron River Riders Horse Club monthly meetings 7:30 Krzyske Center, Waltz. New members always welcome.

Public Safety Commission meets third Monday of each month at the Krzyske Center at 7:30 p.m.

V.F.W. Post 6040 meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Krzyske Center in Waltz, at 7 p.m.

Township Meetings

Board of Trustees meet second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 at the Krzyske Center in Waltz.



Georgeanne Heron-Willoughby

As I promised, another easy recipe. This was one of my family's favorite meals. If you are in a real hurry you can start the meat in the microwave. You can also make two small ones and freeze one for another day.

Don't forget to send in your recipes for the *Al Fresco* Cooking Contest.

Please let me know how I'm doing with the column or if

Planning Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Historical Society meets the third Wed. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Applefest Building.

Historical Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at the Township Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Senior Citizens

Huron Township Senior Citizens. Waltz Group: Pres., Alice McGrew, 753-5954. Meetings: First Tues. of the month noon,

sandwich/cards. Third Tues. of the month, noon, pot luck and cards. Fifth Tues. of the month 1 p.m., cookies/cards.

New Boston Group: President: Edna Curistan, 782-3470. Meetings: First Wed. of the month, 12:30 p.m. Third Thurs. of the month, 4:30 p.m., pot luck.

Events at Senior Center of Merriman Road: Meals on wheels every day. Hot meals every day 11:30 a.m. Call Linda (Crickett) Thompson at 782-5190. Card party every Mon. 12:30 p.m.. Quilting every Tues. 9-11:30 a.m. Trips are offered. Call Michelle at 782-2626.

Commodities may be picked up the fourth Tuesday of each month between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Of General Interest

Perennial herbs needed for a colonial herb garden being developed in the fall at the Samuel Adams Historical Museum. Remember us when you are dividing your perennial herbs. For more info. please contact Georgette Heron-Willoughby or Johan Sutton at State Farm. 753-3447.

you have any questions. I really like to hear from my readers.

Contact: *The Huron River Weekly-Al Fresco*, P.O. Box 472, New Boston, MI 48164, or fax 734-753-4417.

Do you have a favorite dish that you just can't seem to find the recipe for? How about a dish you had and just loved but never had the recipe for? I welcome requests!

Hamburger Pie

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 2 lbs. Ground Beef | 2 tbs. Seasoned Salt |
| 1/2 cup Onion - finely chopped | 1 tsp. Pepper |
| 1/2 cup Green Pepper - finely chopped | 3 tbs. Worcestershire Sauce |
| 1 can Green Beans - drained | 6 cups Instant Mashed Potatoes - prepared as directed |
| 1 6-oz. can Tomato Sauce | 1/3 cup Barbecue Sauce |
| | 1 cup Cheddar Cheese |

Mix together ground beef, onion, green pepper, green beans, tomato sauce, seasoned salt, pepper and worcestershire. Pat the meat firmly into a regular baking dish. Spread the top evenly with barbecue sauce. Bake uncovered one hour at 350). Carefully remove any grease. Spread prepared potatoes evenly over the cooked meat. Sprinkle cheese over the potatoes and bake 15 more minutes. Remove and let it stand ten minutes before cutting.

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Jesse

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for 25 years. We were delighted to get reacquainted with him and were pleasantly surprised that most of the conversation centered on his family rather than the business.

Jesse Lico became owner and started operating the business on October 1, 1974. He had been a short-order cook for seven years and he heard about a restaurant that was for sale in New Boston from his father-in-law who was a barber. The deal was made with the help of a real estate company and he bought the business from the original owner. Being the modest fellow that he was, he kept the name, Mary Ann's, and it stands today outside his business.

He attributes his success to hard work and "hustle" which he says is the key to short-order cooking. He knows where every food item should go on the grill and he anticipates future orders particularly at breakfast. He has his routine down pat and his customers don't have to wait very long for their meal. For those that are regulars at "Jesse's" the wait is not noticed because they usually talk to each other about the latest "goings on" in the township.

Jesse says that people come from all over for his famous breakfast special. He talks regularly to people that come in from Dearborn, Southfield and Milan while he juggles eggs, bacon or sausage.

His employees are constantly moving during the morning

hours and have many have been with him for a long time. Jesse has loyalty with his employees because, as they told us, "You couldn't ask for a better boss."

While Jesse is clearly proud of his 25 years in business he is more proud of his family and we actually spent most of our time with him talking about his family.

Jesse came to America from Albania in 1967 and his mother, two sisters and a brother are still there. He expressed concern for his family in Albania and he tries to visit whenever he can but it is difficult.

He currently resides in Westland and is married to Angela. They have two children, daughter Teri age 28 and son Demir age 24. He spoke



Jesse's family wall of honor.

proudly of his children's accomplishments and of course, we looked at his family photos that he proudly displays on a wall.

His daughter Teri was Miss Teen Michigan for two years and Miss North America for one year. Demir is a Sergeant

in the U.S. Marine Corp as part of a Special Force Rescue Operation. Jesse described his son as part of a unit that rescues pilots from downed aircraft.

As far as the restaurant is concerned, Jesse admits that his mother-in-law Theresa has helped him a lot and as he put it "I don't know what I would have done without her."

He says that when he retires he wants to move to Atlanta where his daughter currently resides. He didn't tell us when he expects to retire but we hope it won't be for a while.

He told us he was very

happy in New Boston and never had a problem with the customers. He wanted us to tell the community that he loved everybody and appreciated their support over the last 25 years.

We at *The Weekly* would like to thank Jesse for his contribution to "small town living" and how about a few more potatoes on that breakfast special! Right there by those eggs and those slabs of bacon. Right there next to that pile of potatoes, right next to the jelly and toast and that cup of coffee. Right there on the far edge of my plate. Thank you kindly.

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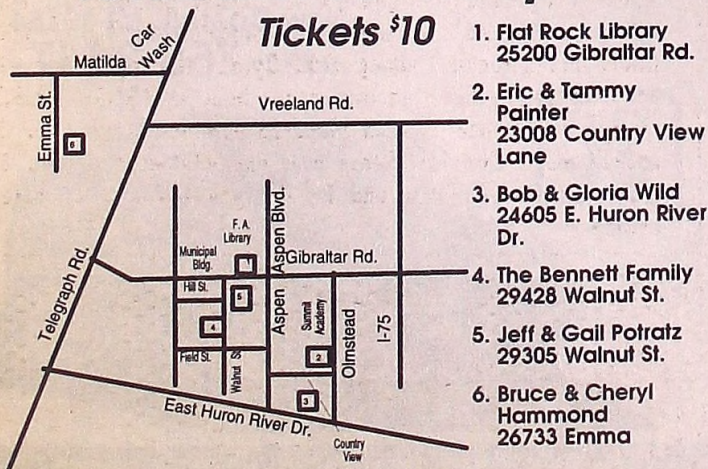
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Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

There are three reasons we are writing this letter.

Comments in Mary Lou Carey's letter to the editor in your 11/11/99 edition, statements made by members of the Huron Township Board of Trustees in the last few meetings and our fear that the Professional Manager concept will become a "Political

Football."

In her letter to the editor on 11/11/99, Mrs. Carey stated "They spent a great amount of your money on this study." We would like to make it clear that the committee bore all the expenses involved with this study, which were minimal, and it cost the Township nothing.

As for the comments made

by members of the Township Board of Trustees regarding the roles and responsibilities of a Township Manager, we would like to take this opportunity to clarify what was in our report. There has been much debate about the roles and responsibilities of the proposed position. We feel that certain members of the Township Board are attempting to combine all needed roles in the township and "pile" them on this position. Do you really think that one person can actually perform the duties of the Township Supervisor, be the Township Development Coordinator, Planner and Building Inspector. Last time we checked, there were 1,300 new homes approved in our Township with scheduled completion within the next three years. While this may be

a noble attempt to save the township money, this concept is sure to make the Township Manager concept fail. Perhaps that is their intention — to assure that it will fail. We surely do not understand the reasoning but hope that if this concept is actually incorporated into our way of government, it is done so with a well thought out plan and not rushed. For some of the communities interviewed and questioned, from concept to completion, the incorporation of this position took several years. None have failed, we should make every effort to make sure our transition does not. The following are the Duties and Responsibilities of the Township Manager as recommended by our committee.

1. To see that all laws and township ordinances are enforced;

2. To manage and supervise all public improvements, works and undertakings of the township;

3. To have charge of the construction, repair, maintenance, lighting, and cleaning of streets, sidewalks, bridges, pavements, sewers and all the public buildings or other property belonging to the township;

4. To manage and supervise the operation of all township utilities.

5. To be responsible for the preservation of property, tools and appliances of the township;

6. To see that all terms and conditions imposed in favor of the township or its inhabitants in any public utility franchise, or in any contract, are faithfully kept and performed;

7. To attend all meetings of the township board, with the right to take part in discussions; but without the right to vote;

8. To be a member, ex officio, of all committees of the township.

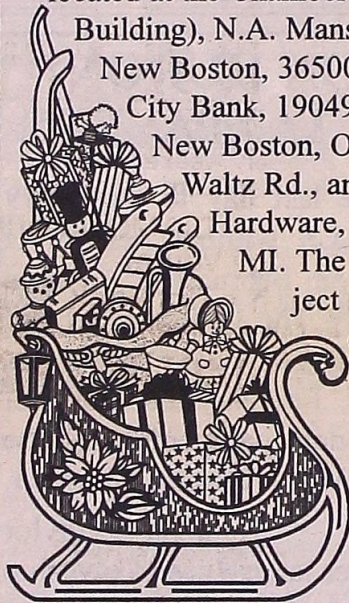
9. To prepare and administer the annual budget under policies formulated by the township board and keep the said board fully advised at all times as to the financial condition and needs of the township.

10. To recommend to the

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Toys For Tots

The Chamber will be accepting new, unwrapped toy donations again this year to distribute to needy families in the Huron Township area for Christmas, in conjunction with the Goodfellows. Drop off boxes will be located at the Chamber Office (Applefest Building), N.A. Mans Building Center-New Boston, 36500 Sibley Rd., National City Bank, 19049 Huron River Dr., New Boston, Old Kent Bank, 82106 Waltz Rd., and Krzyske Brothers Hardware, 82117 Waltz, Waltz MI. The response to this project last year was tremendous, and we are hoping that, with your help, we can made a few more children smile this Christmas!



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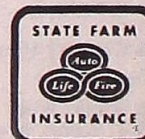
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township board for adoption such measures as necessary for the continued development and well-being of the township;

11. To be responsible to the township board for the efficient administration of all departments of the township government;

12. To act as the purchasing agent for the township or, under his/her responsibility, delegate such duties to some other officer or employee;

13. To conduct all sales of personal property which the township board may authorize to be sold;

14. To assume all the duties and responsibilities as personnel director of all township employees or delegate such duties to some other officer or employee;

15. To arrange, on an annu-

al basis, for an outside professional evaluation of the police and fire department's performance;

16. To perform such other duties as may be required of him/her by ordinance or by direction of the township board, or which are not assigned to some other official.

The final issue we would like to address is, as was reported in *The Huron River Weekly* in the May 6, 1998 issue, only eight citizens attended the meeting held with the Grosse Ile Township Manager. The article also expressed the opinion that the lack of attendance likely reflected the lack of interest generally held by the community on this subject. We happen to agree with the statement made by your newspaper and feel that the citizens of this township do not feel an

urgency to incorporate this concept, they appear to be neither for it or against it. So why are some of the citizens of this township who are positioning themselves for the next election, trying to use it as a "political football?" Our committee is imploring all political parties and candidates to "not" use this as a political issue either now or for the upcoming election. If you do, it will surely scare away all qualified and potential candidates for this position. We must make sure that the climate and the necessary knowledge is in place in this township before we try to hire someone to lead us into the future. We cannot lay all the current political and manpower issues on that person's

shoulders. If we do, we will surely be asking ourselves soon after a Professional Manager is hired, "Why has the Professional Manager con-

cept failed?"

Sincerely,
Written by: Jerry Reynolds,
for The Professional Manager
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Sagittarius November 23 - December 21

Lights shine in eyes like deer starting at headlights. Blink, refocus and see whole picture. What is missing? Answer on the horizon. Patience important. Take

Your Cosmic Link For The Week Of December 9 - December 15

spouse shopping today. Stack wood now. Gemini has a line on some good wood, but may be greedy! *Lucky #125.*

Capricorn December 22 - January 20

Did you decorate yet? Or are you the shining star at your house? Caution needed when climbing trees or ladders. Reach up to reach the top and down to hide things you care to keep secret. Spouse snoopy! Real snoopy! Careful! *Lucky #011.*

Aquarius January 21 - February 19

Y2K, Y2K. "Oh well."

Begin filling water jugs now. If only for your dog. Spouse asks many favors this holiday but you remain happy to oblige. Sparkle you see in others is sparkle brought on by you. *Lucky #123.*

Pisces February 20 - March 20

No one shines brighter than you this year. Never could. Never will. Dust off old pictures and memories. Spouse too, if needed. Phone calls welcome now as calls are for you. Time to buy extra canned goods, juices and items needed for babies. *Lucky #317.*

Aries March 21 - April 20

Take soulmate for a ride. Enjoy parades and holiday lights. Small children cheer your holiday spirits. But don't

spoil mood with spirits. You don't need that. Buy batteries now — before too late. Remember they are not included. *Lucky #303.*

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Are your computers ready? Are you ready? Family members remain dependent on your advice or maybe you just think so. Assist parent with "not" overdoing this holiday season. Be prepared for systems failure. *Lucky #430.*

Gemini May 22 - June 21

Take time to review Christmas past — so not to repeat same mistakes. You know the one your spouse dislikes. Sparkling lights dance in eyes — others know why you are smiling. Or are you "glow-

ing" like a tree-top angel. Are fences secure? Check now! *Lucky #616.*

Cancer June 22 - July 23

Twinkle, twinkle, you little star. Surely someone thinks so. Parents require help with shopping and meal preparation, or are they just lazy. Be patient, they may grow up someday. Stockpile formula now. Maybe extra warm clothes. Demand trip to grandparent's home. *Lucky #722.*

Leo July 24 - August 23

Don't make friends force you to buy that tree again this year. Get with it. Begin planning holiday dinner with family now. Children continue to enjoy your holiday cheer, as do friends. Watch out for cars traveling behind you on dark dirt roads. *Lucky #724.*

Virgo August 24 - September 23

Small children delight. Will your house be the "special place" this holiday season? Twinkling lights, smiles and laughter surround you. Too bad spouse not as bright. Or is spouse just acting up? Buy holiday spirits now. Or maybe look around house. *Lucky #904.*

Libra September 24 - October 23

Car headlights shine thru windows. Are they too bright? Siblings plan special holiday outing. Plan safety now. It's up to you. Local service station has the action. Fill all cans with fuel. Buy candles and something to light them with. Think ahead. *Lucky #022.*

Scorpio October 24 - November 22

Plans for holiday trip remain on track. Test results are what they are. Not so bad. Hometown not what it used to be. Visit may be shorter than planned. You find yourself unable to appreciate lame teams and are not capable of explaining to parents your change of heart. *Lucky #113.*

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Special visitors were Wayne County Commissioner and Mrs. Jhn Sullivan and their children.

The Waltz

Improvement Association would like to thank everyone who attended and extend special thanks to the following who helped make the event possible: Frank and Nora Adkins, Old Kent Bank, Huron

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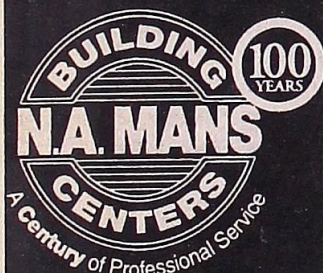
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